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City of Barrie

Final

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 9, 2022 | **4:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on June 20, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C. Kenwell at 4:08 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Chairman C. Kenwell
Councillor R. Thomson
M. Francis
C. Moran
H. Morgan
L. Pope

Absent: 1 - D. Taylor

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Culture Officer - Development A. Dyke.
Deputy City Clerk, M. Williams
Diversity Management Specialist, C. Dillon
Manager of Corporate Facilities, G. Diamantopoulos
Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure, J. Zimmerman
Transit Coordinator, J. MacDonald.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE SPECIALIZED TRANSIT PASSENGER PORTAL

Julie MacDonald, Transit Coordinator and Jason Zimmerman, Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure provided a presentation concerning the Specialized Transit Passenger Portal.

Ms. MacDonald discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The software of the Specialized Transit Passenger Portal;
- The enhancements available with the pass passenger portal;
- A sample of the website booking page for Specialized Transit;
- An overview of the portal menu and details of the transit mapping; and
- The benefits of the passenger portal.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. MacDonald and Mr. Zimmerman and received responses.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE BARRIE ARTS AWARDS

Amanda Dyke, Culture Officer - Development provided a presentation concerning the Barrie Arts Awards.

She discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The Barrie Arts Awards event details;
- The vision for the 2022 arts awards;
- The background of the Artist Beyond Barriers Award; and
- The request for support from the Committee.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Dyke and received responses. The Committee discussed and agreed to sponsor the Artist Beyond Barriers Award.

The Committee approved an expenditure from the Accessibility Advisory Committee budget in amount of $2,000.00 to sponsor the 2022 Artist Beyond Barriers Award.

Ms. Dyke advised that she would provide an update to the Committee at a future meeting.

ADULT CHANGE TABLES - CITY FACILITIES

Gus Diamantopoulos, Manager of Corporate Facilities provided an update concerning adult change tables at City facilities. He advised that staff in Corporate Facilities are supportive of adult change tables in public washrooms.

He discussed the challenges and feasibility of retrofitting public washrooms at City facilities particularly the older facilities while meeting the requirements of the *Building Code Act.*

Mr. Diamantopoulos advised that there are potential opportunities to have adult change tables incorporated into the design of public washrooms at new City facilities

The Committee provided feedback to Mr. Diamantopoulos and advised that by having adult change tables in public washrooms that these facilities would be considered fully accessible.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

SECTION "B"

CITY FACILITIES - SUPPORT FOR FULLY ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the inclusion of fully accessible washrooms within newly built City facilities.

This matter was recommended to Finance and Corporate Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/20/2022.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Tara McArthur, Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects provided an update concerning the 2022 Municipal Election including the Accessibility Plan. She highlighted that internet and telephone voting will be used for the

2022 Municipal Election in Barrie and that there will be ten Voter's Assistance Centres situated throughout the municipality during the voting period in October, 2022 and will be accessible to all residents.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

CHAIRMAN